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World-Wide Ticker

Edited by JERRY KRISKA

TOKYO from AL KAFF

The Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan gave a sayonara buffet dinner Dec. 14 for **Earnest Hoberecht**, charter member of the club and threetimes president, who is leaving Japan after 21 years as a foreign correspondent. Hoberecht, honored with his French wife, Laurette, has resigned as UPI vice president and general manager for Asia to enter private business. He will live in Oklahoma. In after-dinner remarks, Hoberecht recounted some of the great journalistic events in Japan after the end of World War II including the time a group of foreign correspondents rushed to the Japanese mountain resort of Karuizawa "to interview Adolph Hitler." a few minutes after Hoberecht talked, an earthquake shook the dining room and the guests cheered: "Just for Hoberecht."

SAIGON from BEV DEEPE

Recent arrivals to Viet Nam: John Steinbeck of Newsday Syndicate; **Ted Sell** and Marvin Miles of the Los Angeles Times; Lloyd Wendt, editor of Chicago's American; J.A.C. Dunn of the Charlotte (N.C.) Observer and the Knight Newspapers; Clayton Fritchey of Harpers and Newsday Syndicate; Max Frankel of the New York Times. In addition, a seven-man press delegation from the Philippines; a five-man New Zealand press delegation and a 12-man group of European journalists (including one from Yugoslavia) have recently arrived.

Bernie Kalb has returned to the Far East after a one-year absence in the Paris bureau of CBS. Now CBS correspondent-in-charge in Hong Kong, he is currently visiting Saigon.

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MERRY



This new seasonal touch to a familiar setting (the Club lobby) resulted from a special effort by a member committee. See pages 4-5 for Kay Kato's cartoon comments on how it got this way.

CHRISTMAS

YEAR-END REPORT

President Calls Free Press Top OPC Issue in '66

Survival of a free press was seen as one of the most important issues for OPC'ers in 1966 and, again, in 1967, by President *Victor Riesel* in a year-end interview with *The Bulletin*.

"We have tried," Riesel said, "to be more than a social center. OPC is more than a bar, a grill, a restaurant; it is a heritage. Because we take that heritage seriously, we have focused attention on the right of our colleagues to cover the news wherever it breaks and to disseminate it freely. Whether it was in Cambodia where we forced the Red Chinese sympathetic government to open its doors to American newsmen by our successful protests or, whether it was our protests to the government of the Union of South Africa which had refused admission of American newsmen to cover the trip of US Senator Robert F. Kennedy, or our protests to Premier Ky because American newsmen were being beaten in South Viet Nam, all of these and many actions which have never been made public, symbolize the spirit of OPC in fighting for the dignity of newsmen.

"As an organization of 3400 mass communications media professionals I insist we have a deep responsibility to our colleagues whether in Viet Nam or Washington, D.C.

"We have made certain that there is someone on duty at the Club 24 hours a day so that, by phone or cable, any one of our members who might need our assistance because of the threat of physical danger or a problem arising over a

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Free Press

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story that is not being permitted to be filed, can reach me.

"There have been many occasions when we have contacted governments in Europe and have been successful in our efforts to keep bureaus open when they had been threatened with being closed down. Newspaper or broadcast media correspondents have contacted us on myriad of problems they have had in the coverage of the news and we have, without fanfare, achieved results. We have often, at the insistence of prominent network chiefs or newspaper editors refrained from taking action when sensitive negotiations were in progress.

"Last summer I was given personal pledges by the Prime Ministers of England, Sweden, Finland and other countries that not only would they encourage the freest access to the news within their own countries, but would stand ready if we called upon them, to help us in problems we might have with other countries.

"Our streamlined Freedom of the Press Committee has worked efficiently, often quietly, and has been most effective because we have not retreated from any challenge. We have built one of the most expensive Freedom of the Press files showing intimidation against newsmen. No other comparable organizations has spent as much time, money and effort on behalf of the right of newsmen to gather and disseminate the news as has OPC.

"Very recently, despite our warm sympathies for the government of Viet Nam, we were incensed at certain abuses practiced against newsmen by the Ky regime. We immediately communicated our sharp protests to both Premier Ky and to Assistant Secretary of Defense Arthur Sylvester. We conferred at great length with the latter about the problems posed by newsmen in Viet Nam. We were assured by him that newsmen would be treated with dignity and equity. Premier Ky was also swift in reassuring us that the intimidations we complained about would not recur.

"While we have brought to the OPC World Press Center the greatest news-making names in history, we have also tried to keep in touch with the problems that face newsmen both at home and abroad. We have made their problems our own. It is not just the congeniality that exists at the Club that we are trying to maintain for those based in the United States, but a feeling of belonging for those of our members who may be covering a war in Viet Nam, political turmoil in some remote section of the world or be sitting in a bureau in an iron curtain country. We cooperated in trying to ease

the problems that existed in coverage of the dramatic news that broke during President Johnson's recent Asian trip.

"No other Club of the mass media has spoken out as vigorously on issues vital to OPC'ers as we have recently. When we speak out we are treated with dignity and esteem. Our statements are immediately reviewed at the highest levels. Our Club is sought as a forum by the most famous of the world. It has become the vogue for important pronouncements to be made from the site of



CLOSE TIES: Victor Riesel makes a fast change into the London Press Club-design necktie just given him by the LPC's H.W. Chamberlain during the London group visit last May. "Our Club is a first port-of-call for visiting journalists," Riesel notes in his year-end report.

the Overseas Press Club of America. Whether it is former Vice President Richard Nixon, or former Republican candidate for President Barry Goldwater, or Dr. Sam Sheppard, or U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy, or a returning dignitary from abroad or the new Governor of Arkansas Winthrop Rockefeller, or Mayor Lindsay, or the Foreign Minister of Austria or the Premier of Nova Scotia, the backdrop of the OPC as the place to make a newsmaking announcement has become more and more the focal point for national and international personalities.

"Our Club is a first port-of-call for visiting journalists. Our colleagues in every major city seek exchange agreements with us. Our rostrum is a coveted honor and considered as such in every capital of the world.

"Our diligent and hard-working House Committee is making our home-away-from-home a warm and congenial place to meet friends and colleagues. The OPC is more than a passive membership club as I have related in these columns. I look forward, as do our Board of Governors, to an increase in 1967 of active member participation in our deliberations.

"I take this opportunity of extending to every OPC'er at home and abroad, to our colleagues who are soldiers with typewriters facing bombs and booby-traps, to your families and to our wonderful and dedicated OPC staff: Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year!"

TWO WIN TRIP TO NOVA SCOTIA

The two OPC members each winning a pair of five-day vacations in Nova Scotia, with round-trip transportation from New York City, were *Elsa Gilbert* and *Ed Edwin*.

The drawing took place after regional dinner participants had devoured lobsters, quaffed provincial beer, enjoyed folk singers, viewed a color film of awesome seascapes and gentle flora and fauna, and listened to a low-key characterization of Nova Scotia by its prime minister Robert L. Stanfield.

He recalled a New York writer, who hardly foresaw a visit there as "peculiarly pleasant and cheerful." But Frederick S. Cozzens found himself in Halifax while en route to Bermuda, due to boat schedules of the day, and obviously to his surprise, discovered the makings of a book.

"It is pleasant to visit Nova Scotia in the month of June," Cozzens reported with certain candor. "Pack up your flannels and your fishing tackle, leave behind your prejudices and your summer clothing... you will not regret the trip."

Picking up the implicit cue, and conforming to new frankness in travel writing and promotion, Stanfield suggested, "Nova Scotia may not be everybody's cup of tea, but if you have a soul at all, it will respond to Nova Scotia. We have a great variety of coastline and landscape, ranging from the Bay of Fundy with the highest tides in the world to those beautiful inland seas, the Bras d'Or Lakes... We have not been rich by North American standards and life has not been easy, but it has been more relaxed. In the past we have not been involved in what you call the rat race."

These attributes, he said, with tongue in cheek, caused "a journalist who had been enchanted by our province and by life in Nova Scotia (to advise me to) have the government build a wall high enough to keep out all central Canadians and Americans."

In view of the awards of vacations, books, and records to dinner participants, the prime minister disregarded the advice.

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GRAY FELLOWS: Robert D. Lee (seated, left) shows off his string book from his year in Africa as the first William P. Gray Fellow. Casting admiring glances are Mrs. William P. Gray, widow of the late *Life* editor for whom the fellowship is named, and Ernest McCrary, winner of this year's fellowship. Also looking on from behind are David Shefrin, Fellowship Committee Chairman, and Ben Wright, president of the OPC Foundation, which administers the award. McCrary's selection was announced at a Foundation reception last week, attended by its officers and a number of guests from Time-Life Inc. McCrary, a 1966 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, plans to spend six months in Buenos Aires, freelancing and perhaps working for an English-language paper there, then travel, study and report from other Latin American countries — Uruguay and Chile included — for another six months.

BEYOND 40TH STREET

The article in the April 16, 1966 *Bulletin*, "A Chance Remark — A Chance at Freedom" has had a far-reaching influence. This newsmaking story by Jack Harrison Pollack told how he introduced attorney F. Lee Bailey to the late Dorothy Kilgallen at an OPC Book Night and how evidence was introduced at Dr. Sam Sheppard's US Supreme Court Trial.

Last week in his new autobiography, *Endure and Conquer* (World Publishing Company), Sheppard devotes two pages (259-61) recounting how important this evidence was in

his release.

The incident was also reported in the Nov. 5, 1966, *Saturday Evening Post* (p. 92).

It was also mentioned on a Barry Gray Nov. 29, 1966, WMCA radio program.

Furthermore, it was repeated in dozens of newspapers including many in England, Germany Sweden, and other countries — and in fact, went around the world.

Moral? Articles published in *The Bulletin* often have an influence far beyond 54 West 40th Street!

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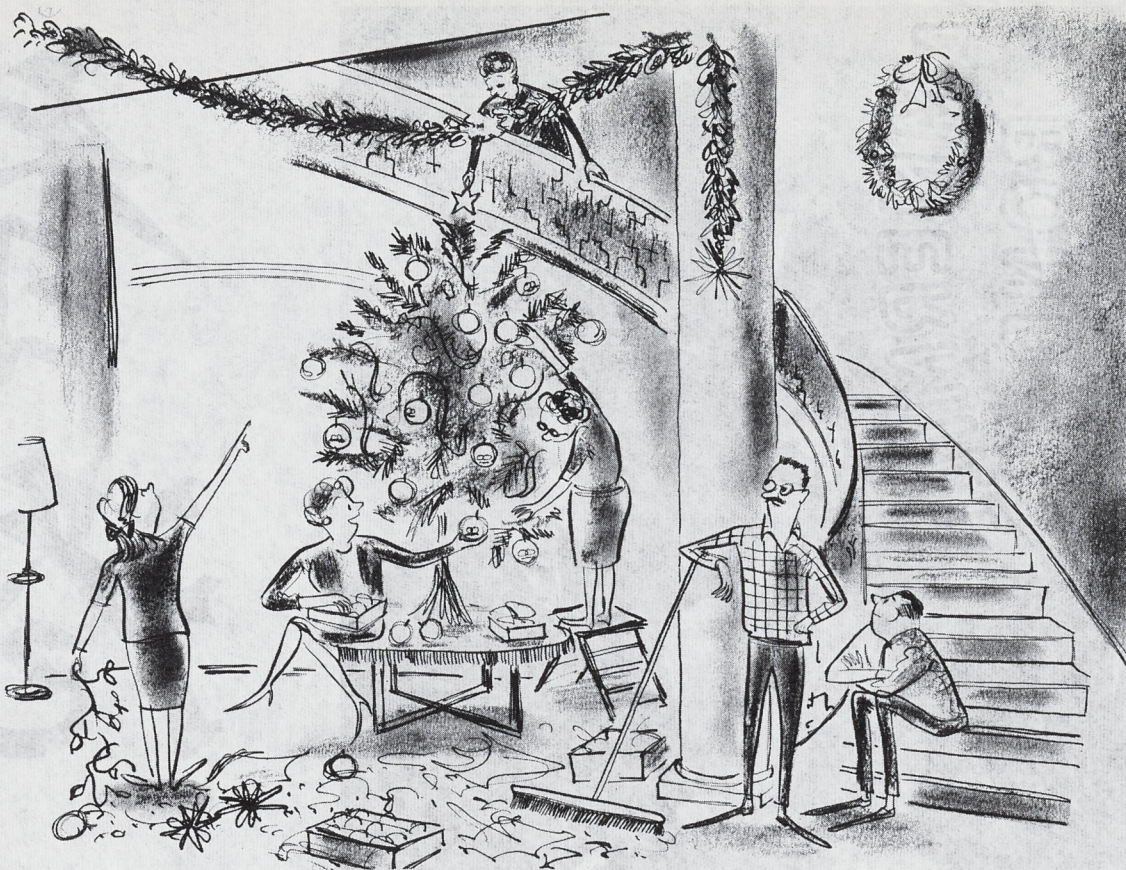
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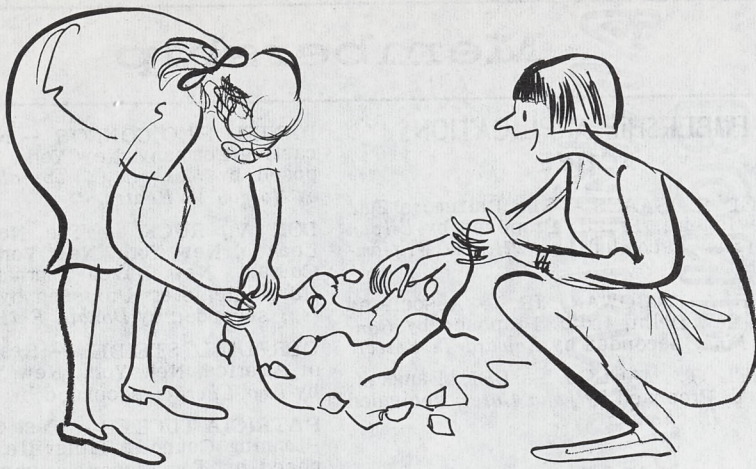
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"Only ornaments I ever saw that made me thirsty."

This year, the Club's Christmas decorations are made from the old-bottom-of-the-cardboard box. The result of more than a month of hard work by a delegation from the House of Representatives, the decorations include swags of greenery, the Club's impressive classic blue and white ornaments with the OPC insignia (bottle caps, napkins), and foilage, real and otherwise, in every nook and cranny everywhere. The task force took to highways and byways, making a bargain-hunting trip to the warehouse to bring back ornaments and greenery. To imagine buying a gross of Christmas decorations, asked Betty Etter, one of the committee members. She and co-workers Hildegarde Frances and Henriette Kish, and Franzoni have turned up the brightest and best for the OPC in many Christmasses.

Chronicler for the decoration story is the Club's own supreme artist, Kay No. 1. His cartoon essays appear weekly in the Club's Ledger, but this one was done especially for the OPC.



"Look at it this way. You're an illumination engineer."

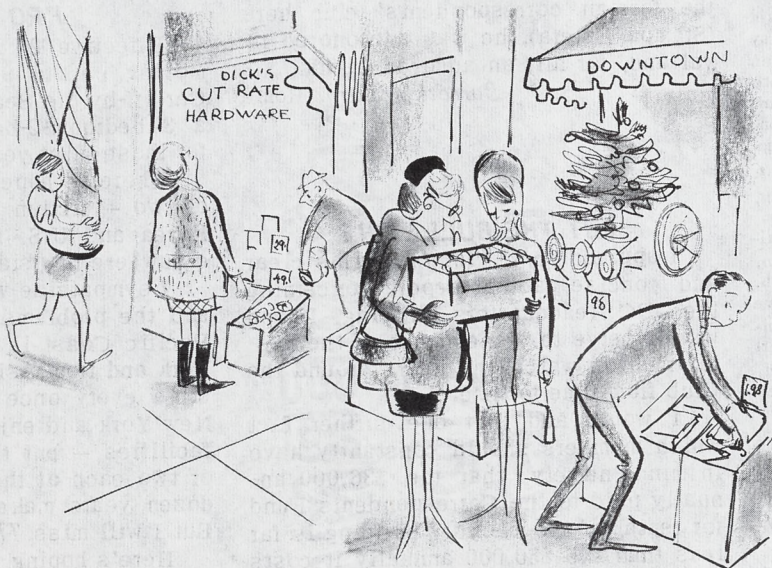
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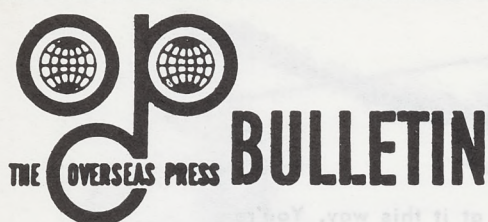
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JOSEPH A. MCGOWAN, JR. — Associated Press, New Delhi, India. Proposed by Conrad C. Fink; seconded by Edward T. Butler.

MICHAEL T. MALLOY — UPI, Bangkok, Thailand. Proposed by John Luter; seconded by James H. Sheldon.

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HOWARD H. BABCOCK — Radio Corporation of America, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Proposed by Jack O'Brien; seconded by Benjamin J. French, Jr.

JOAN MARIE BUCKS — Ft. Lauderdale News and Sun-Sentinel, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Proposed by Roger V. Marshall; seconded by Patricia Chapman.

HARRY HERSHFIELD — Jewish Press, New York, New York. Proposed by Kurt Lasen; seconded by Victor Lasky.

DANIEL P. O'CONNOR — National Broadcasting Company, New York, New York. Proposed by Russell C. Tornabene; seconded by Morgan M. Beatty.

DON V. RUCK — The National Hockey League, New York, New York; (F) Hartford Courant, New Haven Journal-Courier, New Haven Register. Proposed by A. F. Gonzalez; seconded by Donald Feitel.

GERALD L. STEIBEL — Research Institute of America, New York, New York. Proposed by Leo Cherne; seconded by Alton Kastner.

PATRICIA TUCKER — East Central Florida Planning Council, Titusville, Florida. Proposed by Tom Mahoney; seconded by Lael Wertenbaker.

HENRY VISCARDI, JR. — Abilities, Inc. & Human Resources Center, Albertson, New York; (F) Mutual Broadcasting System, Sports Broadcasting Assn. Proposed by Will Oursler; seconded by Paul S. Eriksson.

HAROLD W. WHIPPLE — John Wiley & Sons, New York, New York; (F) The Washington Post, Science World Magazine, Consumer Reports. Proposed by Samuel Burger; seconded by Armand Foley.

The Admissions Committee announced the reinstatement to associate membership of the following member:

Richard W. Bruner — National Broadcasting Company, New York, New York.

Letters

ARNALDO CORTESI

May I use a line to pay tribute to Arnaldo Cortesi of *The New York Times* who has died here in Milan. A Pulitzer Prize winner and a former president of the foreign correspondents' club here (Stampa Estera), he was an honored rival and, for all, an admired friend.

Barrett McGurn, Rome

tion, this \$50,000 expenditure is worthy of top consideration.

Joseph J. Wurzel, New York

PRO AND CON

Effective 27 December, 1966, I am moving ... to 961 Birmingham Drive, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California 92007, to a 3 bedroom-2-bath cottage purchased for those quiet years off the main stream.

There is hope to write another book or two — fiction or non-fiction — about Korea and U.S. involvement there and elsewhere in Asia. Also will free lance.

I sympathize with the Club's officers and the problems being faced. But the Pacific Coast is a long way from New York and from Asia — where it was possible every once in a while to get to New York and enjoy some of the Club's facilities — but three stops of an hour or two each at the Club in more than a dozen years makes the tariff too high. But I will miss *The Bulletin*.

Here's hoping the conservatives gain control of affairs and balanced budgets again become a way of life, in the Club and nation.

O. H. P. King,
Pacific Palisades

CUT THE BULLETIN?

I applaud John Wilhelm for his clear and concise factual report concerning the OPC Headquarters Building. I hope it will serve to dispel some of the misinformation which one hears around the Club from time to time.

I would add just one further fact which members should constantly have in mind, namely, that the \$36,000 annually paid to the Correspondents Fund for rental of the 11-story building is far less than the \$50,000 annually it costs the Club to produce and mail the weekly bulletin.

Whenever the financial problems of the Club come under serious delibera-

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Please write c/o Box No. attention S.E. Korsen, Placement Com. Chairman, Overseas Press Club. Only members' resumes will be forwarded directly to advertiser. Also, please contact chairman by mail at OPC or by phone (MU 7-4100) re any openings you may wish to have advertised in the Bulletin on cost-free basis.

World-Wide Ticker

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Recent departures from Saigon: William R. Hearst Jr. and Bob Considine; William Leonard, vice-president for CBS. Expected arrivals in the near future: Ed Taylor of the Reporter and W. L. White of Reader's Digest.

Pre-Christmas totals of news media accredited by the US Military Command here have reached 507, which includes 179 Americans, 79 Vietnamese and 249 other nationalities.

Correspondents and military accreditation officials are now busy preparing for the re-accreditation of correspondents for 1967, which is due at the end of the year.

LATIN TOUR MEMBERS SEE SLIDES, MOVIES

Eighty selected color slides and movies taken by OPCers on the Club's South American Press Tour last August were shown at a cocktail-dinner party at the Club last week.

Sixteen of the 18 Tour members made it to the Club for the reunion, including Mr. and Mrs. Raoul Blumberg from Washington and Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Gomberg from Philadelphia, all of whom came to New York just for this event.

Arthur Schendorf went through hundreds of slides to select the best for the event, and Mary Jo Connolly and Merrill O'Brien arranged the meeting.

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PEOPLE & PLACES

By BETTY ETTER

ON THE GO: Just back from India, Nepal, Cambodia and Hong Kong, where he has been filing for NET and INTERTEL, **David Hardy** will soon be taking up his new duties at Brandeis University, directing the Communications Center . . . **Irene Corbally Kuhn** back from two months' tour of Southeast Asia . . . The West Coast is a commuter stop to **Robert D. Eckhouse**, who's made two trips in a month on PR projects for the firm he heads.

CHECKING IN: **Eileen MacKenzie** from Brazil.

NEW POSTS: **Richard L. Barovick**, formerly associate foreign editor of The Journal of Commerce, now editor of the United Nations Development Programme's new monthly newsletter . . . **Charles H. Klensch** appointed to the public relations staff of the First National City Bank of NY, as assistant to **Lamson Smith**.

ARTICLES: OPC bylines in January Reader's Digest include **Paul Deutschman**, **John Gunther**, **George Kent**, **Harland Manchester**, **Joe Alex Morris**, **Hugh Mulligan** and **John Reddy** . . . The winter issue of Horizon carries **Betty Wason's** "The Gypsy's Treasure." . . . **Stella Margold's** "UNCTAD Making Progress"

in the American Import and Export Bulletin for December . . . **Theodore Baron** in January Family Circle with "Short Skis — the Easier Way to Learn." . . . **Theodore Berland's** byline this month includes a cover-lined story in Cosmopolitan on "What the Pill Is Doing to Husbands," in Today's Health on "Life-Saving Fog," and in Family Weekly a piece about new treatments for deafness.

RADIO & TV: President **Victor Riesel** interviewed Senator Jacob Javits on his WEVD radio show, "Victor Riesel Interviews," this week . . . **Richard Hanser** wrote the Project 20 documentary, "The Island Called Ellis," scheduled for NBC Jan. 13 . . . **James Flowers** of King Features on WNYC's "International Interview" as a panel member interviewing the Ambassador from Malawi . . . **Poppy Cannon** a guest on the Arlene Francis Show (WOR) on Dec. 19 . . . **Richard Cohen**, assistant executive director of the American Jewish Congress, has launched a weekly 15-minute commentary on Jewish affairs on WBAI-FM Tuesdays at 10:45 p.m., with a re-broadcast Wednesday mornings at 10:15 a.m. . . . ABC News' year-end tour of foreign and domestic correspondents includes **Sam**

Jaffe (Hong Kong-Viet Nam), **Merrill Sigale** (Latin America), **Louis Rukeyser** (London) and **Charles P. Arnot** (Rome). Guest on the **Tony Marvin** Mutual network radio program and ABC-TV's **Marlene Sanders Show** was **Matthew Bassitt** whose new book, "The Magic World of Roses," has been chosen as the March selection of Doubleday's Garden Guide Book Club.

SPEAKERS: **Ernie Kehr** of the New York World Journal Tribune last week addressed the Vatican Society of Chicago and the Women's Club of Rockford, Ill.

SICK BAY: A week after he returned from 18 months in Viet Nam, AP's **Richard Merron** was hospitalized and is now at LeRoy Hospital, East 61st Street, his illness still undiagnosed.

REPORT FROM ROME: Ex-president **Barrett McGurn** and his family now happily ensconced on a hill "with St. Peter right in our laps, filling the picture windows, and with Rome, and the Apennines reaching out around the Michelangelo dome as the rest of a magnificent picture. We hope to show it off to many OPCers. A pride on the bookshelves, a souvenir of many happy reporting years — several hundred books brightened with inserts from the authors, subjects and dedicatees of the volumes (letters, autographs and other mementoes)."

NOVA SCOTIA

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"We never did fully reconcile the desire for a higher standard of living with the desire for the slower pace . . . it was doomed," he lamented. "The time is past when the people in any part of North America can choose to run just a little slower than the rest . . . I hope we will not lose too much or spoil too much in the process."

Coverage of Nova Scotia is satisfactory, the prime minister told *The Bulletin*, especially in view of "competition" from more renowned areas to the west (the province juts from southeastern Canada) and to the Caribbean in the South.

The Nova Scotia Branch of the Canadian Women's Press Club and the Halifax Men's Press Club wired "cordial greetings" to the OPC dinner.

Victor Riesel chaired the ceremonies, and **James Sheldon** acted as master of drawing ceremonies. Also at the dais were the Minister of Trade and Industry for Nova Scotia, W.S.K. Jones; his deputy, V. Michael Knight; Consul General R. G. C. Smith; Mrs. Evelyn Riesel, and **Bill Laurence**, OPC first Vice President.



PIPING GOOD TIME: Pipe Major Allan Cameron, left, and Nova Scotia Premier Robert Stanfield meet with OPC President Victor Riesel (right) to invite him and his press colleagues to visit their country. Scene was at last week's Nova Scotia Regional Dinner.